

RECREATION, LIBRARIES AND AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

12-064-O

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DULUTH CITY CODE, 1959, AS AMENDED, ADDING NEW SECTIONS 6-80 AND 6-80.1, REGARDING THE KEEPING OF HONEYBEES.

BY COUNCILOR LARSON:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. The Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, is hereby amended by adding a new Section 6-80 as follows:

Sec. 6-80. Obtaining a license to keep honeybees.

(a) Any person who keeps honeybees in the city of Duluth other than areas zoned Rural-Conservation (R-C) or Residential-Rural 1 (RR-1) under Sections 50-14.2 and 50-14.3 of this Code, shall obtain an annual license prior to acquiring the honeybees. The license year commences on January 1 and ends on the following December 31. Applications shall be made to the city clerk. The city clerk shall collect the license fee;

(b) Fees to be charged for the issuance of a license to keep honeybees shall be set in accordance with Section 31-6(a) of this Code;

(c) Only one license shall be allowed per lot;

(d) The applicant for the license must notify all residents of the property if the applicant is not the owner or operator and the owner or operator must be an additional signatory on the license application. Notification is not required for renewal of a license;

(e) The animal control authority may refuse to grant or may revoke a license if the honeybees become a nuisance as determined by the animal control authority.

Section 2. That the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, is hereby amended by adding a new Section 6-80.1 as follows:

Sec. 6-80.1. Keeping of honeybees.

(a) Each person holding a license to keep honeybees within the city of Duluth shall comply with the following:

(1) No more than five hives may be located on a lot;

(2) No hive shall exceed 20 cubic feet in volume;

(3) A constant supply of water shall be provided for all hives, except during the dormant period;

(4) No ground hive shall be located closer than five feet from any property line;

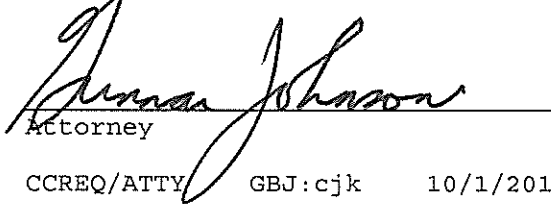
(5) No ground hive shall be located closer than 15 feet from a public sidewalk or 30 feet from a principal building on an abutting lot;

(6) A flyway barrier at least six feet in height shall shield any part of a property line that is within 30 feet of a ground hive. The flyway barrier shall consist of a wall, fence, dense vegetation or a combination thereof and it shall be positioned to transect both legs of a triangle extending from an apex at the hive to each end point of the part of the property line to be shielded;

(7) Rooftop apiaries are allowed but shall not be located closer than 15 feet from a principal building on an abutting lot.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its passage and publication.

Approved as to form:


Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance adds new Sections 6-80 and 6-80.1 to the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, to provide regulations and licensing requirements for keeping honeybees within the city.